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SUBJECT: OAU ATTACKS FRENCH POSITION ON MAYOTTE

1.FOLLOWING PRESS STATEMENTON FRENCH DECISION TO MAKE MAYOTTE  
OVERSEAS TERRITORY RELEASED BY OAU DECEMBER 15:

" THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY HAS LEARN WITH SHOCK AND  
INCREDULITY THE DECISION OF THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT TO MAKE  
THE ISLAND OF MAYOTTE AND OVERSEAS TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF FRANCE.

THE FRENCH DECISION BETRAYS THE PUBLIC UTTERANCES OF  
FRENCH OFFICIALS WHO CLAIM THAT FRANCE WAS SEEKING A  
SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF MAYOTTE WHICH FRANCE  
HERSELF CREATED BY RIGGING THE SO-CALLED REFERENDA IN THAT ISLAND  
IN WHAT WAS A MOCKERY OF THE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE  
OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

"FRANCE'S INTENTION IS TO RETAIN THE COLONIAL STATUS OF MAYOTTE  
TO JUSTIFY THE OCCUPATION OF A STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT  
ISLAND IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

" THE OAU WISHES TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE ISLAND OF MAYOTTE  
IS STILL PART AND PARCEL OF THE COMOROS REPUBLIC AND THAT  
THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT HAS NO AUTHORITY TO DEPRIVE ANDY  
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DEPENDENT AFRICAN STATE OF PART OF ITS TERRITORY.  
" IT IS TO BE RECALLED THAT THE OAU HEADS OF STATE DURING THEIR  
LAST SUMMIT IN MAURITIUS ADOPTED A RELEVANT RESOLUTION ON THE  
QUESTION OF MAYOTTE IN WHICH THEY REJECTED IN ADVANCE ANY  
ACT OR LAW ADOPTED BY A FRENCH LEGISLATIVE BODY OR  
BODY OR GOVERNMENT TO LEGALIZE NAY FORM

OF FRENCH PRESENCE IN THE COMORIAN TERRITORY OF MAYOTTE.  
" THE OAU WILL NOT REST UNTIL THIS IGNOBLE AND PIRITICAL DE  
CISION ON THE PART OF THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT IS RESCINDED AND  
AND THE PEOPLE OF MAYOTTE ARE REUNITED WITH THE MOTHERLAND  
IN THE INDIVISIBLE AND SOVEREIGN REPUBLIC OF THE  
COMOROS, A MEMBER OF THE OAU AND THE UNITED  
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